

JPW



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Hiroshi FUKUHARA

Serial No.: 10/718,641 Group Art Unit: 1764
Filed: November 24, 2003 Examiner: Neckel, Alexa Doroshenk
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING NITROGEN GAS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2006, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.